CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A terminal A terminal managing method comprising:

an opportunity data set sending step of sending, from a managing server apparatus having a storage device, an opportunity data set indicating an opportunity to send data to a mobile communication terminal having a storage device via a communication network;

an opportunity data set receiving step of receiving, at the mobile communication terminal, the opportunity data set sent in the opportunity data set sending step;

an information data set sending step of sending, from the mobile communication terminal, an information data set indicating information relating to the mobile communication terminal to the managing server apparatus via the communication network at the opportunity indicated by the opportunity data set; and

an information data set storing step of receiving, at the managing server apparatus, the information data set sent in the information data set sending step and storing the received information data set in the storage device.

2.   The terminal managing method according to claim 1, wherein the managing server stores a plurality of opportunity data sets, each data set specifying differing opportunities, and sends one of the plurality of opportunity data sets to the mobile communication terminal.

3.   The terminal managing method according to claim 1, wherein the opportunity indicated by the opportunity data set specifies a prescribed operation of the mobile communication terminal.

4.   The terminal managing method according to claim 3, wherein the opportunity indicated by the opportunity data set is a time when the mobile communication terminal performs position registration.

5.   The terminal managing method according to claim 3, wherein the mobile communication terminal is a foldable terminal, and the opportunity indicated by the opportunity data set is a time when the mobile communication terminal is closed.

6.   The terminal managing method according to claim 3, wherein the opportunity indicated by the opportunity data set is a time when a WWW browser is terminated in the mobile communication terminal.

7.   The terminal managing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

a program request sending step of sending, from the mobile communication terminal, a program request requesting a program usable by the mobile communication terminal to a program providing server apparatus which provides programs via the communication network;

a program sending step of receiving, at the program providing server apparatus, the program request sent in the program request sending step and sending a program usable by the mobile communication terminal in response to the received program request, with the mobile communication terminal as a destination; and

a program receiving step of receiving, at the mobile communication terminal, the program sent in the program sending step; and wherein,

in the information data set sending step the mobile communication terminal sends data indicating information relating to the program as the information data to the managing server apparatus via the communication network.

8.   The terminal managing method according to claim 7, further comprising:

an information data set transferring step of sending, from the managing server apparatus, the information data set received in the information data set storing step to the program providing server apparatus; and

an information data set receiving step of receiving, at the program providing server apparatus, the information data set sent in the information data set transferring step.

9.   The terminal managing method according to claim 7, further comprising:

a program stop request sending step of the managing server apparatus receiving the information data set indicating information relating to the program sent in the information data set sending step, reading data indicating conditions for stopping use of the program from the storage device, comparing the read data with information data set set indicating information relating to the program, generating and sending, to the mobile communication terminal, a program stop request to request stopping use of the program; and

a program execution prohibiting step of the mobile communication terminal receiving the program stop request sent in the program stop request sending step, making use of the program by the user of the mobile communication terminal impossible.

10.   A terminal managing apparatus comprising:

opportunity data set sending means for sending an opportunity data set indicating an opportunity for sending data to a mobile communication terminal having a storage device via a communication network; and

information data storing means for receiving an information data set indicating information relating to the mobile communication terminal sent from the mobile communication terminal via the communication network and storing the received information data set in the storage device.

11.   A mobile communication terminal comprising:

opportunity data receiving means for receiving an opportunity data set sent via a communication network from a server apparatus sending opportunity data indicating an opportunity to send data; and

information data set sending means for sending an information data set indicating information relating to the terminal to the server apparatus via the communication network at the opportunity indicated by the opportunity data set received by the opportunity data receiving means.